

## Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Education

EXHIBIT 4

DATE 1/26/09

HB 2

## Proposed Amendment to PG 11, Tribal College Assistance

Amendment requested by Senator Juneau/Representative Steenson

Motion: "I move the addition of \$312,046 general fund each year of the 2011 biennium to the Tribal College Assistance Program for the purpose of increasing the financial assistance to tribal colleges for nonbeneficiary students."

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**Explanation:** There has been some new federal legislation that allows 1<sup>st</sup> generation Indian students (students whose parents are members of a federally recognized tribe, but they are not) to be eligible for the tribal college federal funding. It is estimated that a total of 50 nonbeneficiary students will meet this new definition at Montana's tribal colleges. The revised count of nonbeneficiary students is 302 less 50 = 252 eligible FTE at \$3,024 = \$762,048 per year. Subtracting the FY 2008 base already adopted by the subcommittee leaves \$312,046 additional per year.